

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE VERIFIED JOINT APPLICATION OF)	
BRANDENBURG COMMUNICATIONS)	
CORPORATION AND BRANDENBURG)	CASE NO.
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR THE EXPEDITED)	2017-00209
TRANSFER OF CERTAIN OWNERSHIP)	
SHARES OF BRANDENBURG)	
COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION)	

ORDER

On May 19, 2017, Brandenburg Communications Corporation (“Brandenburg Communications”) and Brandenburg Telephone Company (“Brandenburg Telephone”) (collectively “Joint Applicants”) filed an application for expedited approval by the Commission of the transfer of certain ownership shares of Brandenburg Communications. The acquisition of ownership and control of Brandenburg Communications will result from the distribution of shares by the estate (the “Estate”) of Joseph D. Tobin, Jr. (“Mr. Tobin”).

The transfer of ownership of a utility is governed by KRS 278.020(6) and (7), and the latter subsection requires the Commission to adjudicate such applications within 60 days of filing, unless good cause exists to continue the application for an additional 60 days. Here, we find that an investigation of the proposed acquisition is necessary to determine its reasonableness, and that the investigation cannot be completed within 60 days of the filing date of the application. In addition, we find that a procedural schedule should be established to commence a review of the reasonableness of the proposed

indirect transfer of control. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order and is incorporated herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Joint Applicants' request for approval of the proposed transfer of ownership and control is continued for an additional 60 days from July 18, 2017, to September 18, 2017, pursuant to KRS 278.020(7).

2. The procedural schedule for processing the review of the proposed transfer of control is attached hereto as an Appendix and shall be followed in this case.

3. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an original and ten copies, appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed.

4. All parties shall respond to any interrogatories or requests for production of documents that Commission Staff submits in accordance with the procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix.

5. a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and the original and ten copies to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

e. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

f. Any party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

6. Any motion to intervene filed after June 7, 2017, shall show a basis for intervention and good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

7. Joint Applicants shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, Joint Applicants shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

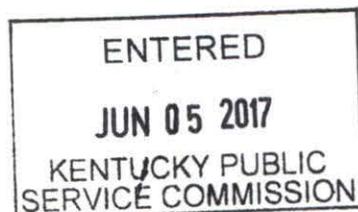
8. At any public hearing on this matter, neither opening statements nor closing summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

9. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

10. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

11. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, followed by a small asterisk-like mark.

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2017-00209 DATED **JUN 05 2017**

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than6/07/17

Initial requests for information to Joint Applicants
shall be filed no later than6/14/17

Joint Applicants shall file responses to
initial requests for information no later than.....6/28/17

Supplemental requests for information to
Joint Applicants shall be filed no later than7/07/17

Joint Applicants' responses to supplemental requests
for information shall be filed no later than7/14/17

Intervenor Testimony, if any, in verified prepared form
shall be filed no later than.....7/19/17

Requests for information to Intervenors shall be
filed no later than.....7/28/17

Intervenors' responses to requests for information
shall be filed no later than..... 8/8/17

Joint Applicants' rebuttal testimony, if any, shall be filed in
verified prepared form no later than8/15/17

Public Hearing, if necessary, to be held in Hearing Room 1
of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard,
Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination
of witnesses of Joint Applicants and IntervenorsTo be scheduled

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